

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) Optical data carrier in disc format having at least one CD layer having optically readable CD data structures whose lengths, to suit EFM modulation, are between 3 times and 11 times a basic length T, wherein
 - 3 times the basic length (the 3T value) is at least 0.9 micrometres,
 - 11 times the basic length (the 11T value) is at least 3.3 micrometres,
 - from that surface of the data carrier through which the CD layer is read, the CD layer is situated at a depth of less than 1.1 mm,
 - the data carrier has at least one further data layer, and
 - the refractive index of a transparent material which is used for the CD substrate is less than 1.58.
2. (Currently amended) Data carrier according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the data carrier has, in addition to the CD layer, one or two DVD layers, the CD layer and the DVD layer(s) being read from opposite sides of the data carrier.
3. (Original) Data carrier according to claim 1, which comprises at least one data layer which is readable and/or writable and/or re-writable by a blue laser.
4. (Original) Data carrier according to claim 3, in which the data layer which is readable and/or writable and/or re-writable by the blue laser, and the CD layer, are read from opposite sides of the data carrier.

5. (Original) Optical data carrier in disc format having at least one CD layer having optically readable CD data structures whose lengths, to suit EFM modulation, are between 3 times and 11 times a basic length T , wherein
 - 3 times the basic length T (the $3T$ value) is at least 0.9 micrometres,
 - 11 times the basic length (the $11T$ value) is at least 3.3 micrometres,
 - from that surface of the data carrier through which the CD layer is read, the CD layer is situated at a depth of less than 1.1 mm,
 - the data carrier has at least one further data layer, namely a DVD layer,
 - the CD layer and the at least one DVD layer are read from opposite sides of the data carrier, and
 - the data carrier has a DVD substrate of a thickness of less than 0.570 mm.
6. (Original) Data carrier according to claim 5, in which the thickness of the DVD substrate is at least 0.55 mm.
7. (Original) Data carrier according to claim 5, in which the thickness of the DVD substrate is 0.55 mm.
8. (Currently amended) Data carrier according to claim 5, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein the data carrier has two DVD layers, and in that the thickness of the DVD substrate is reduced from the standard definition of 0.55 mm which applies in the two-layered case.
9. (Currently Amended) Data carrier according to ~~one of claims 5 to 8 characterised in that~~ claim 5 wherein the pits and lands of the at least one DVD layer are enlarged to ensure optical compensation for a degradation of the reading signal.
10. (Currently Amended) Data carrier according to ~~one of claims 5 to 9, characterised in that~~ claim 5 wherein the refractive index of a transparent material which is used for a CD substrate is less than 1.58.

11. (Currently Amended) Data carrier according to ~~one of claims 1, 2, 3, 4 and 10,~~
claim 1 in which the refractive index of the transparent material which is used for
the CD substrate is less than 1.55.
12. (Currently Amended) Data carrier according to ~~one of claims 1, 2, 3, 4, and 10,~~
claim 1 in which the refractive index of the transparent material which is used for
the CD substrate is in the range from 1.40 to 1.55.
13. (Currently Amended) Data carrier according to ~~one of claims 1, 2, 3, 4, 10, 11 and~~
~~12,~~ claim 1 in which the transparent material which is used for the CD substrate
has a lower refractive index than polycarbonate.
14. (Currently Amended) Data carrier according to ~~one of claims 1 to 13,~~
~~characterised in that~~ claim 1 wherein 3 times the basic length T (the 3T value) is at
least 0.98 micrometres and 11 times the basic length (the 11T value) is at least
3.57 micrometres,
15. (Currently Amended) Data carrier according to ~~one of claims 1 to 13,~~
~~characterised in that~~ claim 1 wherein 3 times the basic length T (the 3T value) is at
least 1.0 micrometre and 11 times the basic length (the 11T value) is at least 3.67
micrometres,
16. (Currently Amended) Data carrier according to ~~one of claims 1 to 15,~~
~~characterised in that~~ claim 1 wherein a track pitch of the CD data structures is less
than 1.6 micrometres and preferably less than 1.5 micrometres.
17. (Currently Amended) Data carrier according to ~~one of claims 1 to 16,~~
~~characterised in that~~ claim 1 wherein the CD layer is at least partly, and preferably
entirely, read-only.

18. (Currently Amended) Data carrier according to ~~one of claims 1 to 17,~~
~~characterised in that~~ claim 5 wherein the total thickness of the data carrier is not
more than 1.7 mm and preferably not more than 1.6 mm.
19. (Currently Amended) Data carrier according to ~~one of claims 1 to 17,~~
~~characterised in that the~~ claim 5 wherein a total thickness of the data carrier is not
more than 1.5 mm.
20. (Currently Amended) Data carrier according to ~~one of claims 1 to 19,~~
~~characterised in that~~ claim 1 wherein the data carrier has a diameter of less than
12 cm and preferably a diameter of approximately 8 cm.
21. (Currently Amended) Data carrier according to ~~one of claims 1 to 20,~~ claim 1 in
which the CD layer is combined with a DVD layer and an SACD layer, the DVD
layer and the SACD layer being read from opposite sides of the data carrier.
22. (Original) Data carrier according to claim 21, in which the CD layer is situated
below the SACD layer so that the SACD layer and the CD layers are optically
separated from the DVD layer.
23. (Currently Amended) Data carrier according to ~~one of claims 1 to 22,~~
~~characterised in that,~~ claim 1 wherein from that surface of the data carrier through
which the CD layer is read, the CD layer is situated at a depth of less than 1.05
mm, and preferably of less than 1.0 mm.
24. (Currently Amended) Data carrier according to ~~one of claims 1 to 23,~~
~~characterised in that,~~ claim 1 wherein from that surface of the data carrier through
which the CD layer is read, the CD layer is situated at a depth of approx. 0.9 mm,

25. (Currently Amended) Data carrier according to ~~one of claims 1 to 24~~, claim 1 in which the refractive index of a transparent material which is used for a further substrate is less than 1.58 and preferably less than 1.55.
26. (Currently Amended) Data carrier according to ~~one of claims 1 to 24~~, claim 1 in which the refractive index of a transparent material which is used for a further substrate is in the range from 1.40 to 1.55.
27. (Currently Amended) Data carrier according to ~~one of claims 1 to 26~~, claim 1 which has at least two substrates having different refractive indexes.
28. (Currently Amended) Data carrier according to ~~one of claims 1 to 27~~, claim 1 characterised in that the readable structures of the CD layer are widened.
29. (Currently Amended) Data carrier according to ~~one of claims 1 to 27~~, claim 1 characterised in that the readable structures of the CD layer are of a width of more than 500 nm and preferably of a width of more than 600 nm.